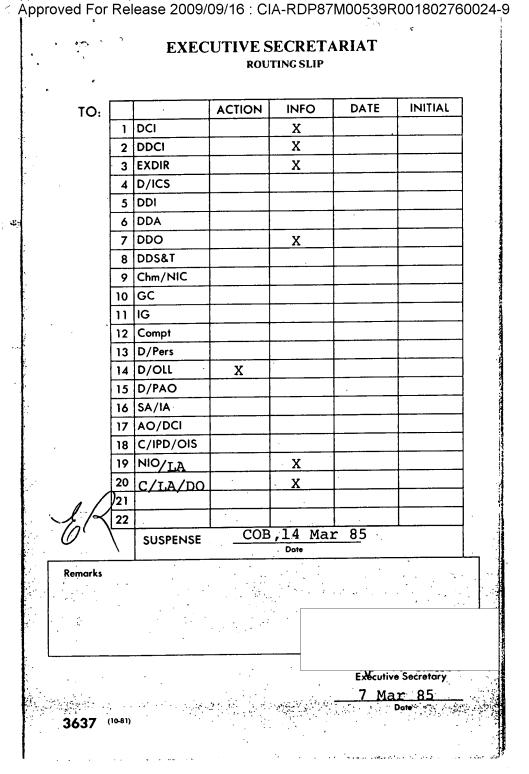
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The Honorable George P. Shultz Secretary of State Department of State 2201 C Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20520

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We ask your assistance in a gesture of international goodwill by helping to assure the safe release of these civilians.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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